

'ANGEL' BALKED BY FIREMEN IN RISK PROFFER

Chief Murphy Reveals Offer Made by Col. Whiteley

IDENTITY OF COPS' SANTA TO BE SHOWN

Commissioner O'Neil and Col. Whiteley, Who Managed Deal, to Discuss Secret

MAY BE AGENT HIMSELF

Meeting Will Take Place Stone's Throw From Pension Mutual Offices

Colonel Seth H. Whiteley has promised to tell Insurance Commissioner O'Neil who is the "unknown philanthropist" in the police insurance scheme. They are to meet this afternoon.

And now, just prior to that meeting, along comes Fire Chief William H. Murphy with the statement that none other than this same Colonel Whiteley made a "philanthropic" proposition to the Firemen's Relief Association a year ago.

It was to be worked along the lines that have connected the Police Beneficiary Association with the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which Lyndon D. Wood is president and which is under fire from the insurance department for other reasons than the police insurance business.

The reason the public is not talking now about it is the "police insurance scandal," as it is of the "police insurance scandal," as it is because the firemen shied away from the proposition—shied away even after their board of directors had recommended it. But they all voted on it and turned down the proposition.

There were then 1450 firemen in the Relief Association, about 1000 of them being active firemen. Every time a fireman died they all went down in their pockets and dug up \$1. This "philanthropic" plan of Colonel Whiteley, as Chief Murphy told, was to have them pay \$3 a month regardless of death, and every time there was a death the widow or dependents would get a dollar for every man in the association from the death claim of \$1500, and the balance would go to the association.

FIREMEN BALKED But it did not "look good" to the firemen—they said they wanted a run for their money, with no one else making anything out of it, and they kept the old system, although figures show that the deaths averaged thirty-eight annually.

Hiram Horter, Jr., treasurer of the Police Beneficiary Association, was asked today why the policemen had not been given a chance to vote on the "philanthropic" proposition as had the firemen and he answered that the board of directors, having voted unanimously in favor of Colonel Whiteley's scheme, it had not been thought necessary to get any further permission. Mr. Horter admitted that most policemen did not know they were insured in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company.

"But why ask all these questions," he complained, "we've done nothing criminal." The firemen's story will hardly figure in today's conference. The talk between the insurance commissioner and the insurance agent will have to do principally with the police business and the "philanthropist."

Colonel Whiteley is fully aware of the identity of the philanthropist and has promised to impart the secret to the commissioner. There is a very broad belief that the philanthropist is none other than Colonel Whiteley himself.

PARCEL POST URGED AS AID IN FOOD WAR

Postoffice Department Offers Plan to Help Housewife Reduce Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Postoffice Department believes Mrs. United States Housewife herself can crack high food prices, if not actually smash them. The department today issued an appeal to every housewife in the nation to give its idea a real trial.

Parcel post is the answer. The department will conduct a little propaganda of its own to start every one toward a permanent producer-to-consumer-by-parcel-post system. Here's the way the department will do it, as outlined today:

Early this week instructions will be sent out to more than 10,000 postmasters in every section of the country, directing them to list all farmers in their immediate districts who are willing to ship produce and dairy products direct to consumers by parcel post.

Lists of these farmers will be published for the guidance of any consumers who wish to make use of them. The lists may be had for the asking. Postmasters, in addition, will be instructed formally to bring the plan to the attention of all housewife leagues, civic organizations and individuals in their communities.

Agents of the Department of Agriculture will go direct to the farmers with practical hints for development of the plan. First Assistant Postmaster General Knous is back of the idea. "We believe it to be a real practical solution of the high cost of living, and we are going to put it within reach of every one," he said.

Berks County Gives \$5000 for Belgians

READING, Pa., Dec. 4.—Berks County has contributed more than \$5000 during the last six months for relief of the Belgians, according to a statement issued today by a committee which has been conducting a campaign, principally among public-school children.

4 GIANT LINERS TO BE BUILT AT CAMDEN PLANT

Largest Vessels Under U. S. Flag Will Be Constructed

MEANS GREAT BOOM FOR SHIPPING TRADE

Craft of 35,000 Tons to Help Restore American Sea Supremacy

PLANS IN A FEW WEEKS

Step Toward Making Philadelphia and Vicinity the World's Greatest Shipbuilding Center

Four gigantic 35,000-ton transatlantic liners are to be built at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Company, in Camden, purchased recently by the American International Corporation, of New York.

The ships will be the largest ever built for service under the American flag. Their construction will give employment to thousands of men, for several years and probably will mean the biggest shipping boom in the history of Philadelphia.

Announcement of the project to build the ships was made today by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company, which includes the American and White Star Lines, and is associated with the American International Corporation, which purchased the New York Shipbuilding plant.

The building of the American ships in this port will help to make true the prediction made by Samuel M. Knox, president of the New York Shipbuilding Company, that Philadelphia will become the greatest shipbuilding center in the world.

Mr. Franklin's announcement is regarded by shipping men as of the utmost importance. The ships will be built for the purpose of rejuvenating the American Line, Mr. Franklin explained. They will be the same type as the Mauretania, with turbine engines, and average speed of twenty-five knots and every other modern improvement suggested by recent experience.

Complete plans, it was said, would be announced within the next few weeks. Mr. Franklin arrived in New York from England yesterday. His trip to this country, he explained, was solely for the purpose of going into details relative to the building of the American ships.

The announcement relative to the ships to be built here was made by Mr. Franklin while discussing the recent purchase of the Camden plant. "I do not think that there will be any changes in the company's office," said Mr. Franklin, "but I will tell you this: The company ready now to build fast big passenger ships under the American flag."

Plans for great liners have been discussed, and when the American Government is ready to make proper arrangements with us that are fair and proper we will, and are anxious to, rejuvenate the American Line by building fast, big ships commensurate with the trade.

IDEAL SITUATION OF PLANT Mr. Franklin is director of the American International Corporation. He said the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Company.

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BRITISH RULER APPROVES NEW CABINET PLAN

Asquith Tells Commons "Reconstruction" of Ministry Planned

DETAILS OF SCHEME ARE NOT DISCLOSED

Complete Change in Government Personnel Expected in England

LLOYD GEORGE ABSENT

Precipitator of Crisis Away From Parliament When Chief Speaks

By ED. L. KEEN

LONDON, Dec. 4.—England is preparing a "reconstruction." Premier Asquith made formal announcement in the House of Commons today that King George had given his assent to the "reconstruction" of the Government, which a statement yesterday had announced was in contemplation. What course that "reconstruction" will take was not made clear by the Premier. He suggested that all questions from members regarding the Cabinet personnel be deferred, and concluded with the request that when the House adjourned today it will not meet again until Thursday.

The announcement in Commons followed a lengthy conference which Asquith had with the King today and at which it is assumed the whole plan of reconstruction was discussed. Current reports late today were that the "reconstruction" meant a general change in the entire Cabinet rather than the mere formation of an authoritative War Council. This "small, compact body" for handling of the problems of the war was the suggestion first advanced by those known to be in sympathy with David Lloyd George, who, apparently, precipitated the Cabinet crisis.

The intense popular interest in the Cabinet situation was evidenced when Parliament met today. Government officials from the War Office and all the Parliament buildings packed the floor and the galleries. The only members of the Cabinet, however, who were present when the session was called to order were Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of India, and Lord Robert Cecil, Minister for Blockade.

The present War Council consists of Premier Asquith, A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty; Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Viscount Grey, the Foreign Secretary; Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade; David Lloyd George, Secretary of State for War, and A. Bonar Law, Colonial Secretary.

The new War Council, if the "reconstruction" program is limited to a reorganization of the War Council only, will probably consist of the following four members: Mr. Lloyd George, A. Bonar Law, Lord Curzon and Sir Edward Carson.

Commons was later declared adjourned until Thursday without a vote on the adjournment. Irish members vainly protested this course. Lloyd George did not put in an appearance in Commons during the entire session today. His absence was regarded as indicative that he will not reappear until a definite solution of the matter is evolved and announced.

TEUTONS BEGIN BOMBARDMENT OF BUCHAREST

Shell Rumanian Capital at Range of Eleven Miles. Win on Arjeshu

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4.—German artillery has already begun bombardment of Bucharest from a range of eleven miles, the newspaper National Tidende declared in a dispatch from Berlin today.

The dispatch asserts the German guns opened their fire on the Rumanian capital Sunday.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 4.

Retirement of Rumanian forces south of Bucharest, in the face of re-enforced attacks by the Teutonic forces, was announced in today's War Office statement.

Between Alexandria and Bucharest and also to the south, the statement said, the enemy, who had been put on the defensive by attacks from the Allied forces, was re-enforced and attacked Graditchen, later occupying that city.

The Rumanians, who had been attacking the rear of this force, were themselves attacked and retired.

LONDON, Dec. 4.

It is officially announced in Berlin that the ninth Austro-German army has won a decisive victory over the Rumanians along the Arjeshu River, between Pletesci and Bucharest, says a dispatch from the German capital, via Amsterdam, today. The Kaiser has ordered the church bells in Prussia and Alsace-Lorraine rung in celebration of the victory.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.

The arrival of Russian re-enforcements. Continued on Page Four, Column Two

GERARD BEARS PEACE PROPOSALS, IS REPORT

Plan, Agreed Upon by U. S. and Britain, En Route to Berlin, Says Dispatch

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The United States is again mentioned in connection with peace proposals in the following dispatch to the Morning Post from Amsterdam today: "Count Revillon" asserts in the Tageszeitung of Berlin, that United States Ambassador Gerard is returning to Berlin to have with him a proposal of peace mediation by the United States and the main points of the basis of this proposal have already been agreed upon by Washington and London.

SCHOOL-TEACHER ENDS HER LIFE IN OCEAN

Wades Into Surf at Atlantic City Beyond Her Depth Despite Warnings From Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 4.—Slipping away from her mother upon the pretense that she was going for a short walk before breakfast, Miss Mattie Anderson, a school teacher of Front Royal, Va., deliberately drowned herself in the ocean at the head of Pacific avenue this morning.

Joseph H. Willis and John Nicholas, rolling-chair pushers, saw the young woman fully dressed wade out into the water until it was up to her neck. They shouted to her, but she paid no heed. The two men sprang over the railing of the boardwalk and dashed into the surf to bring the woman back, but when they were still 100 feet from her she deliberately forced her head beneath the surface. A swift tide carried the body away.

Willis and Anderson notified Captain Parker of the coast guard, who put out with a volunteer crew and searched for the body. It had been carried to sea, however, by the current. The crew returned with a red felt hat, which was identified as the property of the young woman by her distracted mother.

Miss Anderson had been brought here to recover from a nervous breakdown, due to overwork. She seemed to have nearly recovered and was talking about returning home to her work yesterday. Mrs. Anderson reported her daughter's absence a few minutes before she received word of her death.

Firemen Overcome in Shore Blaze

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 4.—Several firemen were overcome by smoke this morning in the Hotel Dudley, Pennsylvania and Pacific avenues, a short distance from the boardwalk and adjoining Masonic Hall. The damage will not exceed a few hundred dollars.

QUICK NEWS

U. S. COURT DEFINES POWER OF JUDGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Sustaining in effect Attorney General Gregory's contention that popular demand for recall of judges is due to their usurpation of executive authority, in a case against Federal Judge John M. Killitz, of Toledo, the Supreme Court today denied that Federal judges had inherent power indefinitely to suspend criminal sentences. Chief Justice White read the decision.

\$15,000,000 SECURITIES COMPANY CHARTERED

DOVER, Del., Dec. 4.—The Nickel Plate Securities Corporation, to deal in bonds and securities, was incorporated here today with a capital of \$15,000,000. The incorporators are Clement M. Enger, Elkton, Md., and Norman P. Coffin, Herbert E. Latter, Wilmington.

CALL MONEY AT FIFTEEN PER CENT IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Call money advanced to fifteen per cent in Wall Street this afternoon. This was due to the heavy calling of loans by banks, causing borrowers to seek accommodations in other quarters. The day started with money at six per cent, but when the demand increased the quotation advanced quickly. The high money rate was responsible for general selling and the market became weak after gains had been scored in the morning session.

B. AND O. IN SOUTH AMERICAN DEAL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 4.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has officially announced that it is arranging with South American capitalists for the establishment of a steamship line, with a capital of \$15,000,000, to ply between this city and South American ports.

U. S. COURT UPHOLDS ICE CREAM LAWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Supreme Court today held constitutional the ice cream laws of Iowa and Pennsylvania. The decision in effect upholds ice cream laws of nearly every State in the country, prescribing the percentage of butter fat to be used in the ice cream. The Pennsylvania law requires eight per cent of butter fat in milk used in the manufacture of ice cream. The laws of other States require a higher percentage. The fight against the law was made by A. B. Crowl, ice cream manufacturer. The decision, in addition to upholding the pure ice cream law, upholds the right of States to have pure food laws.

BETHLEHEM STEEL GIVES TEN PER CENT INCREASE

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 4.—The Bethlehem Steel Company today announced a ten per cent increase in wages for all its employees, numbering 34,000, to become effective December 16.

BRITISH TREASURY NOTE ISSUE WITHDRAWN

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Withdrawal of the proposed issue of British Treasury notes was announced in Commons today by Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald McKenna. McKenna explained the issue originally proposed to be floated through the American banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. had been withheld as a result of the American Federal Reserve Board's recent caution to American banks not to overcommit in such securities. (Announcement that Morgan & Co. had withdrawn their offer of the British Treasury notes to American investors and particularly banking houses was made in New York Friday. A formal statement issued by the Morgan Company asserted the withdrawal was on request of the British authorities.)

BARON LUCAS, BRITISH AVIATOR, KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Baron Lucas, of Trudwell, a member of the British aviation corps, has been killed during a flight over the German lines, it was officially announced today. Baron Lucas was formerly Parliamentary Under Secretary for War.

SWEET'S NOMINATION FIRST TO GO TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The first nomination to be sent to the Senate today upon the opening of Congress was that of Edwin P. Sweet to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Sweet resigned some months ago to enter the contest for Governor of Michigan and upon his defeat November 7 Secretary Redfield personally recommended his reappointment.

HUNDREDS REPORTED KILLED IN BRUSSELS RIOTS

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Between 200 and 300 Belgians and many German soldiers were killed in rioting in Brussels on November 30, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam today. The uprising, it was said, resulted from Belgian deportations. The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's based his report upon information received from two Belgian refugees, who have just arrived at Sluiskill.

LABOR FEDERATION AGAINST COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The American Federation of Labor today began arrangements to place before Congress immediately a demand that it refuse to enact legislation for any form of compulsory arbitration. The demand will deal specifically with legislation proposed by President Wilson in his railroad strike address to Congress in September advocating measures to prevent industrial strikes on interstate carriers until after a thorough investigation had been completed by a Government board and its findings made public.

JOHN D. ARCHBOLD PASSES COMFORTABLE NIGHT

TAIRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 4.—John D. Archbold, Standard Oil magnate, passed a comfortable night, but there is no material change in his condition, it was said at his home here today. His condition, according to physicians, is critical.

WANTS HIS PRESENTS BACK FROM GIRL OF GOLDEN WEST

Romance Begun in Chinese Restaurant Shifts to Court of Venus and Climax Is Reached in Tribunal of the Law

A tale of the far and woolly West, with its two principal characters a beautiful hazel-eyed waitress in a border "dive" and an altruistic easterner, who gave her \$4500 in cash, \$500 in diamond earrings and a \$200 diamond ring—and wants them back—was aired today when Paul W. Albrecht, of 224 West Lehigh avenue, told why he had instituted suit in Los Angeles to recover the above-named property from Miss Lena Balboa, known as the most beautiful woman of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Albrecht, who is about twenty-seven years old, explained that he has sued because his sympathy for the girl turned to love and they were engaged to be married. She failed to keep her promise, he said, but at the same time took good care to fail to return his gifts.

Miss Madalaine Balboa, or Lena, as she is called for short, has filed an answer to his suit in Los Angeles, and claims she never promised to marry him, but had said she would try to like him enough to have the "knot tied" some day.

That day, Mr. Albrecht said today, is far, far away. "Do you love her still," he was asked. "No, I thought I did, that's about the size of it," he replied.

According to Albrecht's own story, all the trouble between the pair started when Lena, then a waitress, young, buxom, and hair-axed with luxuriant hair of chestnut brown, shifted from a Chinese to a Japanese restaurant. He, the suitor, disliked the change. She dated in it, and thus they quarreled.

"You know what those border towns are out of town?"

FOOD EMBARGO MOVE GAINS AS CONGRESS SITS

Fitzgerald Proposes to Let President Be Virtual Dictator

CUT RATE IN PARCELS PROPOSED AS REMEDY

Martine Announces He Will Offer Bill to Put Ban on Exports

LONDON MOVE RADICAL

Socialist Representative Favors Autocratic Regulation of Food Supply and Sales

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Legislative proposals, intended to shatter the high cost of living, marked reconvening of Congress today.

Senator Martine, of New Jersey, announced in the Senate that he would fight for a food embargo on all staple articles. He announced he would introduce a resolution later this week.

Further action in the Senate was promised by Senator Lewis, of Illinois. He said he would introduce a bill to empower the Government to seize foodstuffs on which a "corner" is attempted, condemn them and resell them to the public.

Representative Fitzgerald, leader of the embargo forces, introduced four plans, two calling for food export embargoes and the other two for regulation of cold-storage and for reduction of parcel post charges on food.

SHES HOPE IN PLANS

In introducing his bill, Fitzgerald said: "The multiplying evidences of the widespread interest in the high cost of living make me hopeful of success. The enactment of either of the embargo bills, and the bill to regulate cold storage and parcel post will bring immediate relief to the country."

"The people want action; they are heartily tired of talk and inaction."

His bills in brief are: No. 1.—For an out-and-out export embargo on the farm products or manufactured foodstuffs for one year.

No. 2.—For the President to suspend exportation whenever prices become exorbitant; and the public interest requires such action.

No. 3.—For regulation of cold storage by prohibiting interstate shipments of foods, other than butter, stored longer than ten months, with distinct labeling of the date on which the goods were stored.

No. 4.—Abolition of postal zones in so far as farm products and manufactured foodstuffs are concerned, admission of such goods to parcels post in packages up to 150 pounds at three cents per first pound, and one cent for pound thereafter, with slightly higher charges.

Exemptions in the embargoes provide for supplying American diplomats and citizens abroad as well as famine or war victims. Extremely high penalties are imposed for violations.

Representative London, New York Socialist, worked on a virtual food dictatorship measure, though he expressed dislike for the term dictator in America.

FOR GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL

"I believe we should have governmental control of the food situation," he said. "An embargo is only an incidental proposition. If that will help lower the cost of living, it should be introduced, along with a system of Government control, somewhat similar to the Australian system."

MEANTIME, REPRESENTATIVE FARR, OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROPOSED AN EMBARGO ON WHEAT

FARM MEMBERS THREATEN Congressmen from industrial centers favored the price-control plan. Representatives of the farming districts rallied against the bills and threatened munitions embargoes if they are molested in their prosperity.

Both houses passed resolutions to notify President Wilson that they are sitting and ready for his message tomorrow.

The House convened at 12:01, when Speaker Clark pounded for order, and the Senate got down to business three minutes later. At 12:11 the Senate recessed until 3 o'clock, meantime appointing a committee to notify the House it was ready for business.

Crammed galleries watched proceedings. In the House Speaker Clark was cheered roundly. After the motion-line chatter of the welcome-home squads had been quelled the chaplain prayed for "peace within our borders," while Representatives stood in their places.

BAD PINOCHE TEMPER HELD DIVORCE GROUND

Was Thrown Downstairs for Poor Playing Gets Quick Decree and Alimony

Leo T. Barber, of 108 South Tenth street, Gloucester, is a poor loser at pinocchle, his wife and others testified today before Master in Chancery T. V. D. Jolliffe. When he lost at the game, his wife said, he would sometimes show that he was dissatisfied with her playing by throwing her downstairs on the floor and step in her face.

But pinocchle, she said, was not the only thing that occasionally nettled Mrs. Barber, she said. His dogwood would become so high that to get relief he would drag her up or down stairs by the hair. Between times, she said, he choked and beat her and came coming home at 2 a. m. and wanting his "supper," drew a pistol. Yesterday, it is stated, he drew a pistol. Yesterday, it is stated, he drew a pistol.

The Master in Chancery recommended an absolute divorce for Mrs. Barber. It was granted and the husband of this poor loser, who is 32 years old and has two children, two sons, 12 and 10 years old and one daughter, two years.

LENGTH OF DAY: Sun rises 7:36 a. m. Moon rises 7:05 a. m. Sun sets 5:25 p. m. Moon sets 2:12 p. m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES: Low water, 8:34 a. m. High water, 4:39 p. m. Low water, 8:34 a. m. High water, 4:39 p. m.

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